

AMENDMENTS TO THE SPECIFICATION:

Please add the following *new* paragraph on page 1, between lines 2 and 3:

CROSS-REFERENCE TO RELATED APPLICATIONS

This U.S. National stage application claims priority under 35 U.S.C. §119(a) to Japanese Patent Application No. 2003-422612, filed in Japan on December 19, 2003, the entire contents of which are hereby incorporated herein by reference.

Please replace the heading at page 2, line 11, with the following rewritten version:

SUMMARY OF THE INVENTION ~~DISCLOSURE OF THE INVENTION~~

Please remove the heading at page 10, line 18, as follows:

~~BRIEF EXPLANATION OF REFERENCE NUMERALS~~

- ~~{0035} 10 — Scroll compressor~~
- ~~—— 14 — Suction pipe (low pressure region)~~
- ~~—— 16 — Frame (support)~~
- ~~—— 16a — Support recess~~
- ~~—— 17 — Partition plate (support)~~
- ~~—— 18 — Seal ring (seal)~~
- ~~—— 20 — Compressor mechanism~~
- ~~—— 21 — Stationary scroll~~
- ~~—— 22 — Moving scroll~~
- ~~—— 23 — End plate~~
- ~~—— 23a — Back pressure introduction path~~
- ~~—— 24 — Wrap~~
- ~~—— 25 — End plate~~
- ~~—— 26 — Wrap~~
- ~~—— 27 — Compressor chamber~~

- ~~40~~ Position adjustment means
- ~~41~~ High pressure communication path
- ~~42~~ Low pressure communication path
- ~~43~~ On-off valve (switching mechanism)
- ~~44~~ Restrictor
- ~~S2~~ High pressure region
- ~~S3~~ Back pressure space

Please replace the heading at page 11, line 14, with the following rewritten version:

~~BEST MODES FOR CARRYING OUT~~ DETAILED DESCRIPTION OF THE
INVENTION

Please change the heading at page 22, line 1 as follows:

WHAT IS CLAIMED IS: ~~CLAIMS~~